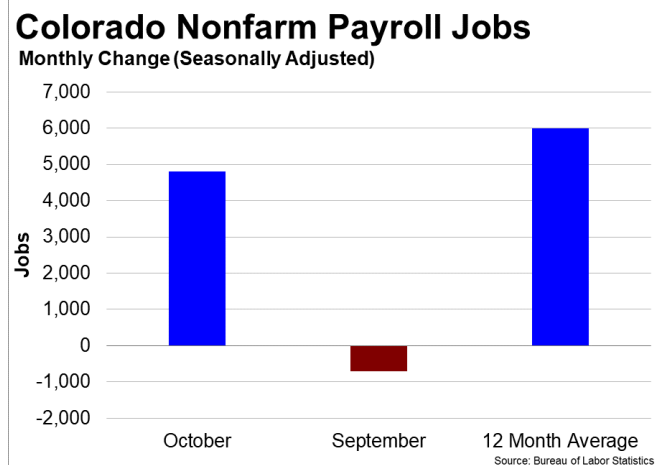
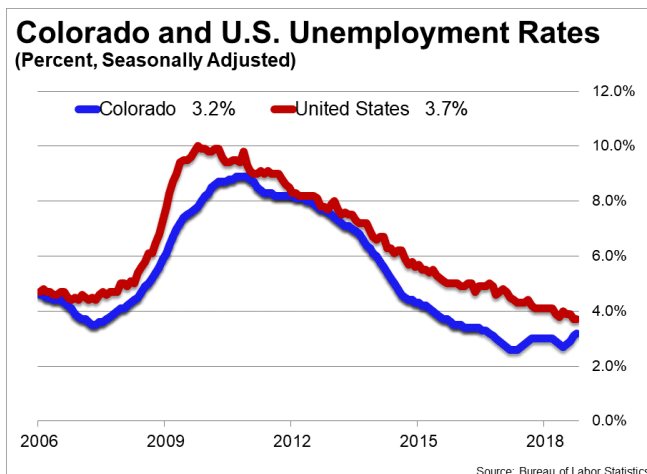




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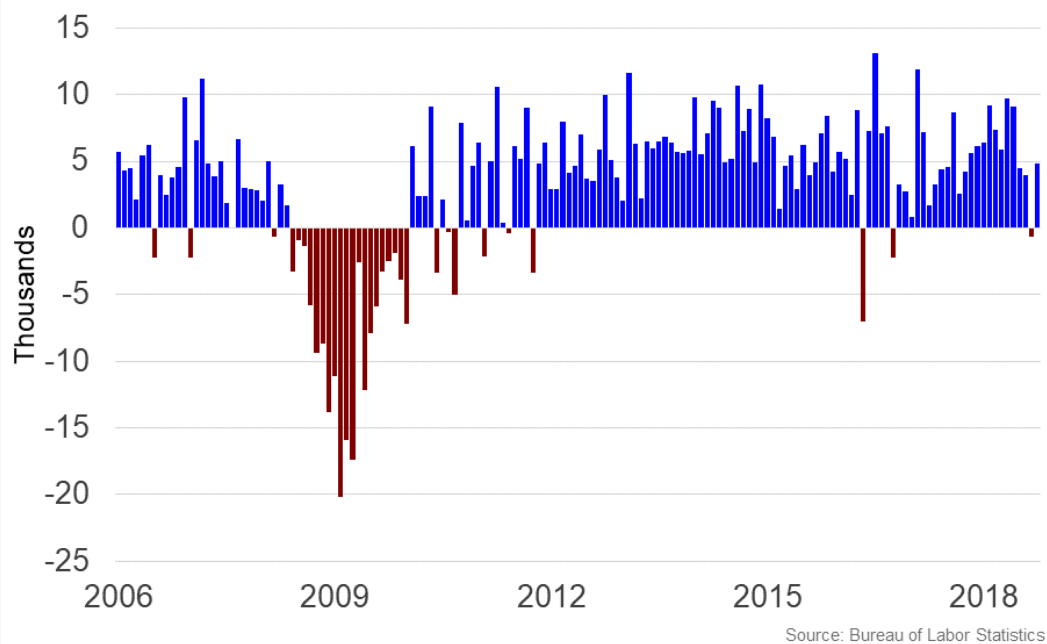
Summary

- **Colorado added 4,800 jobs and the unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 3.2 percent in October** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, Colorado added 72,000 jobs** and the unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point from 3 percent.
- **In October, Colorado's private sector added 6,100 jobs** and over the past twelve months it created 62,300 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed Coloradans rose by 3,657 in October**, and over the past year 64,192 Coloradans found jobs.
- Colorado's **labor force participation rate remains unchanged** from 69 percent in October. Since last year, the labor force participation rate rose 0.3 percentage point.
- The national unemployment rate **was unchanged at 3.7 percent in October**. State employment and unemployment data for November is scheduled for release on December 21, 2018. The national employment situation report for November will be released on Friday, December 7, 2018.



Colorado Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Change (Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted)



Colorado Payroll Employment

Colorado added 4,800 jobs, or 0.18 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during October. In the prior month, Colorado lost 700 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in Colorado increased by 72,000, or 2.69 percent. Colorado nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 11 of the past 12 months.

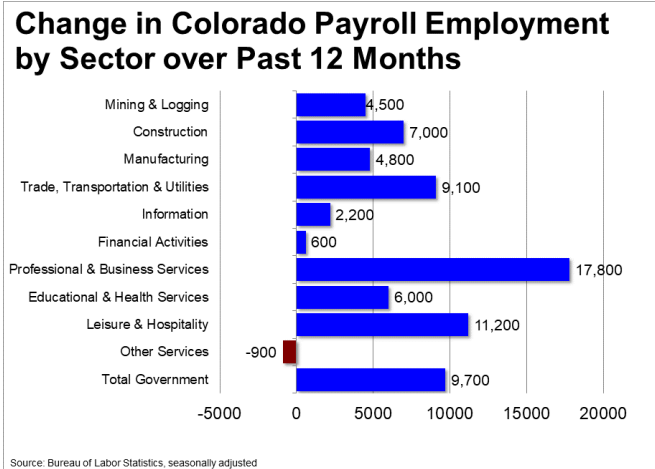
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 250,000 jobs in October, or 0.17 percent. Over the 12-month period ending October 2018, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,516,000 jobs, or 1.71 percent. Colorado ranks 15th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During October, Colorado's private-sector added 6,100 jobs, or 0.27 percent. The private-sector in Colorado added 1,000 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in Colorado increased by 62,300, or 2.78 percent. Colorado private-sector payroll employment has increased in each of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 246,000 jobs in October, or 0.19 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,450,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.96 percent. Colorado ranks 16th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during October were Professional & Business Services (+3,800) and Leisure & Hospitality (+1,300). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Total Government (-1,300) and Information (-700).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Professional & Business Services (+17,800) and Leisure & Hospitality (+11,200). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Other Services (-900) and Financial Activities (+600).



Colorado Labor Force Statistics

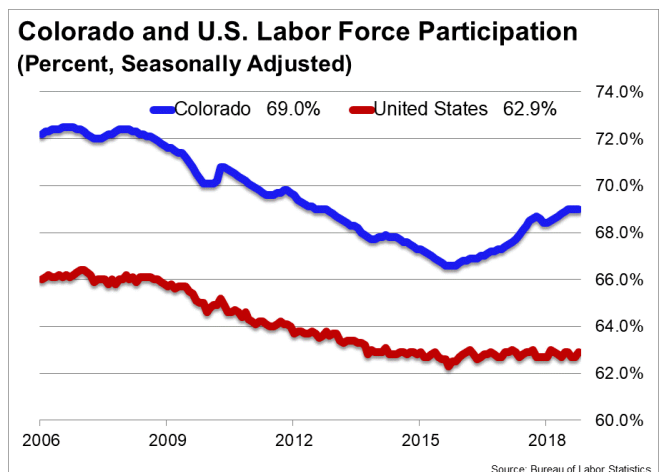
Labor Force Participation

The labor force participation rate in Colorado was unchanged at 69.0 percent in October. At 69.0 percent, Colorado has one of the five highest labor force participation rates in the nation. The labor force participation rate in Colorado is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Colorado was 71.8 percent in November 2008. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Colorado occurred in August 1998 when the labor force participation rate hit 74.5 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 66.6 percent in November 2015. The series low for the labor force participation rate occurred in June 1976 when the labor force participation rate hit 66.4 percent. The national labor force participation rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 62.9 percent in October, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

Employment-to-Population Ratio

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Colorado civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, was unchanged at 66.9 percent in October. At 66.9 percent, Colorado has one of the five highest



employment-to-population ratios in the nation. The employment-to-population ratio in Colorado is 0.3 percentage point higher than a year earlier.

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The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.2 percentage point to 60.6 percent in October. That rate was 0.4 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

